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## TURN TIDE OF IMMIGRATION TO THE GREAT SOUTHWEST

### Communities Must Co-operate With the Railroads

#### Hints From Passenger Traffic Manager Rock Island Lines

Chicago, August 3.  
Mr. A. F. MEXGER,  
Alamogordo, N. M.  
Dear Sir:

Our correspondence with immigration and colonization agents indicates a decided revival of interest in the Southwest, stimulated by the very gratifying crop results in the entire southwestern territory tributary to Rock Island Lines. Indeed, nature has this season so strikingly demonstrated the agricultural capacity of the southwestern sections of our homeseeker's territory, that we should be remiss in our duty to the homeseeker, if we were not to employ every legitimate means to make the fact widely known. Already the traveling representatives of our Immigration Department report a general desire among the farmers in the older states for reliable information about settlement opportunities in the new West. The news of the prosperity of the Southwest has traveled fast and we should "smith the iron while it's hot."

The territory that invites homeseekers is vast. It is not limited to our section. It includes Western Canada and our northwestern states, besides the states of the Southeast. Especially in the northwestern states a strong united effort is put forth to attract immigration. Local commercial organizations and colonization companies there co-operate with the railroads in advertising the resources and opportunities of their respective sections and the press gives liberal aid in the campaign.

In order to secure for the Southwest a fair share of the homeseeker's movement of the coming fall season, we propose to carry on as extensive a publicity campaign as can reasonably be expected and to make this campaign as effective as possible, the railway company should have the active co-operation of the local communities along its lines. Commercial organizations, owners of lands suitable for colonization, local newspapers,—all can render valuable assistance.

Approximately reliable crop statistics, no doubt, are now available from authoritative sources and they should be widely circulated through the press. Even the metropolitan newspapers are ready to publish such matter. It would be an excellent idea to call your public spirited citizens,—farmers and business men,—together, to discuss the subject and take active steps in the direction indicated. Every citizen has his individual influence somewhere and should be willing to exercise it in behalf of his new home.

I shall greatly appreciate it if you will advise me as promptly as possible, as to what your community will do in such a campaign.

Yours truly, L. M. ALLEN,  
Passenger Traffic Manager.

#### Improvement Company Cited in Water Suit

An important case was presented to Judge Medler in chambers today. The Alamogordo Improvement Company was cited to appear August nineteenth, at eight o'clock a. m., to show cause why the trees of the town and Alameda Park should not receive sufficient water for their proper maintenance.

The case is one of grave importance and will be watched with interest. It will eventually result in a decision which will settle all the controversies over the water which is brought into Alamogordo for irrigation purposes.

#### Board of Town Trustees Met Wednesday

The board of trustees of the town of Alamogordo held a meeting Wednesday night, with the mayor and recorder and all the members of the board in attendance. The News did not know of the meeting, consequently had no representative present. It is reported that several ordinances, which have been in preparation for some time, were passed by the board. The ordinance levying an occupation license tax has not yet been perfected.

Chas. Meyer was down from La Luz Tuesday afternoon looking after business matters.

## WILL WALTHALL'S HOUSE DESTROYED BY FIRE

Fire Department had no Chance  
To Save Place

### INCENDIARY ORIGIN SUSPECTED

Young Man has Been Arrested  
For Offense

Will Walthall's residence, on upper Tenth street, was totally destroyed by fire, which was discovered about one thirty Tuesday morning. The volunteer fire department responded promptly to the fire alarm, but reached the scene too late to put the flames under control. The house was a frame building and when the boys of the department arrived, the whole interior was a seething mass of flames. The roof fell in just about the time the coupling to the hydrant was made and the stream of water turned on.

Mr. and Mrs. Walthall are at the Palomas hot springs, and the house was not occupied. Both the residence and the furniture and furnishings were protected by insurance policies. How much the loss will be, over and above the policies, is not known. Nothing at all was saved from the building.

On the strength of reports that a horseback rider had been seen in the vicinity of the residence about the time of the fire, the trail was followed to the south. A warrant was issued and Tuesday afternoon Deputy Sheriff Jim Green and Marshall Parker arrested Chas. Hargrave, on the charge of having set fire to the residence.

The defendant waived the preliminary hearing before the justice of the peace, and was bound over to await the action of the grand jury. The amount of bail was fixed in the sum of fifteen hundred dollars. A satisfactory bond to cover the amount of bail has not yet been made.

Harry Sutherland has taken charge as manager of the dining room and lunch counter at the Southwestern cafe. He will devote his entire time to a supervision of the work and will try to make the service strictly first class.

## THEODORE ROOSEVELT AND HIRAM W. JOHNSON

### Chosen by the New Progressive Party as the Standard Bearers

The national convention assembled at Chicago Monday morning, for the purpose of organizing a new progressive party and nominating candidates for president and vice president. Senator Dixon called the convention to order, and Albert A. Beveridge, former United States senator from Indiana, was elected temporary chairman. Mr. Beveridge delivered the keynote speech.

It was really a big, enthusiastic convention, representative of the sentiment of the several states. Mr. Beveridge's keynote speech was progressive, so

## MODEL PUMPING PLANT FOR DEMONSTRATION

To be Installed in Valley by El  
Paso Firm

### IT'S KRAKAUER, ZORK AND MOYE

Enterprising Firm has Faith in  
Alamogordo

The members of the firm of Krakauer, Zork and Moye, of El Paso, have displayed a keen interest in the agricultural development of this valley, through the development by pumping of water for irrigation. C. E. Mitchell, president of the Alamogordo banks, and interested in well equipment, had a conference Tuesday in El Paso with several members of the firm.

They have furnished the equipment which has been installed in several of the wells in and around Alamogordo, and Tuesday they expressed a desire to try a venture which will help materially in demonstration work. They desire to install, free of charge, a pump in which they have great confidence, and a late model of crude oil engine which has been very successful in other fields.

The pump which they desire to install is one which has shown its greatest efficiency on lifts which do not exceed one hundred and fifty feet, and probably will be tried out on one of the wells to the south or west of town. It is claimed that the engine and pump which will be tried will furnish water cheaper than can be bought from an irrigation ditch, where the lift is not too great.

Crude oil is now sold on the El Paso market at two and one-half cents a gallon. The price in Alamogordo will of course be higher, but will be a vast deal cheaper than gasoline.

The firm of Krakauer, Zork and Moye deserves credit for its enterprise in assisting in the development of this valley. Certainly it is a matter of business and in the end the company will profit by the venture, but this fact does not make the policy any less worthy of commendation.

It will rain—soon.

## METAL PRODUCTION NEW MEXICO MINES IN NINETEEN ELEVEN

### Shows an Increase of \$13,763 Over Nineteen Ten

#### Of Ten Counties Reported, Four Produced Less Than Otero

Washington, D. C., Aug. 5.—The value of the mine output of gold, silver, copper, lead and zinc in New Mexico in 1911, according to Charles W. Henderson, of the United States Geological Survey, was \$2,691,080 in 1910, an increase for 1911 of \$13,763.

The production of gold showed an increase of \$280,384 in value; the output of silver, an increase of \$262,153 in value. The output of copper showed a decrease of \$78,897 in value; the production of lead, a decrease of \$56,637 in value; and the production of zinc, a decrease of \$393,240 in value.

Socorro county, chiefly from the siliceous ore mines at Mogollon, yielded \$534,253 in gold, or 70 per cent of the total state yield. There were also increased yields in Colfax, Grant, Luna and Sierra counties chiefly from siliceous and copper ores. Placer gold amounted to \$18,714 as against \$26,094 in 1910.

Of the silver yields, Socorro county chiefly from the Mogollon district, produced 1,109,945 fine ounces, or 82 per cent of the state yield. Grant county, chiefly from siliceous, copper and lead ores furnished 221,882 ounces; these two counties combined yielded 98 per cent of the total silver yield.

The copper output of the state came almost entirely from Grant county, chiefly from Santa Rita, Hanover and Lordsburg. The county yield being 3,918,928 pounds; or 97 per cent of the total yield. The output from Grant county was 495,466 pounds less than in 1910. Other decreases were in Otero and Socorro counties. Copper has always been an important metal in New Mexico, the recorded output from 1845 to 1911 having been 96,380,203 pounds. For 1912 and for many years to come, copper will no doubt surpass in value the present output of New Mexico, through the operations of

the Chino Copper company at Santa Rita, which was treating 3,000 tons per day of 2.24 per cent copper ore early in 1912, and will have its 5,000 ton mill completed during 1912.

Of the lead production, the Magdalena district, Socorro county, produced the greater part, with an output of 2,123,089 pounds; Grant county yielded 694,247 pounds. Concentrates contained 1,562,768 pounds of lead, and crude ore sent to smelters, 1,403,454 pounds.

The mines producing zinc in New Mexico in 1911 are at Kelly, Socorro County, and in Pinos Altos and Central districts, Grant County. The yield decreased in both counties.

The number of productive mines in New Mexico in 1911 was 105, of which 20 were placers, as against 108 in 1910, of which 23 were placers. The average total recoverable value per ton of ore produced decreased from \$13.89 in 1910 to \$11.54 in 1911.

There were 232,699 short tons from New Mexico sold or treated in 1911, an increase over the output of 1910 of 40,834 tons. Of this total 109,113 tons went to amalgamating and cyaniding mills, 56,622 tons to mills for concentrating only, and 63,964 tons went crude to the smelters.

Of the \$452,592 in gold and 771,014 ounces of silver in bullion produced in New Mexico in 1911, the cyanide process yielded \$370,472 in gold and 769,608 ounces of silver, the remainder being recovered by amalgamation.

The mine output of Otero county was as follows: Short tons of ore treated 1,096; value of gold produced \$6,718; fine ounces of silver 715; pounds of copper 22,730; pounds of lead 739; total value of metal mine output \$9,971.

Ten counties are shown in the summary. Of this number, four produced less than Otero county.

#### Two Hundred Thousand Asked For Killing Beasts

Washington, Aug. 6.—Representative Mondell, of Wyoming, has introduced a bill to appropriate \$200,000 for the United States to pay its share of the cost of exterminating the "predatory wild animals" on the forest reserves of the west.

"Are you after the bull moose?" he was asked.

"No, the bull moose is not a wild or predatory animal. He only preys on soft, mushy things in his native lair and we do not have such things in our country," answered Mr. Mondell.

The Wyoming representative explained that his bill was gunning for the timber wolves, coyotes, mountain lions and other wild creatures that kill off sheep.—Raton Range.

Edwin Mechem returned Friday morning from a short business trip to El Paso.

#### Good Dance It Was

The dance given by Thos. O'Reilly at the old Beavers' hall last Saturday night attracted a good crowd, although many who attended were late in arriving, on account of attending the last picture show of the summer season.

The music was good. The floor was much improved by the recent work and the improved ventilation added greatly to the comfort of the dancers. Punch was served.

#### U. S. Commissioner Appointed

Marshall W. Parker this morning received from Federal Judge William H. Pope, the appointment as United States commissioner at Alamogordo, filling the vacancy caused by the death of his father, Sidney M. Parker.

Miss Lena Maxwell drove down Tuesday morning from Tularosa for a visit. She returned home this morning.